



# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update

### **Term 6**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**INSET DAYS on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

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**Meridian Community Primary School and Nursery**



**@MeridianCPS**

**Friday  
16<sup>th</sup>  
June  
2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back – I hope you had a wonderful break. I can't believe we are in the final term before the summer holidays. The time has flown by!

### **Sun Safety**

As the weather seems to be finally warming up, it is always a good idea to send your child into school with a sunhat. Our playgrounds do not have much shade so when the children are playing outside at play time and lunch time they are exposed to the sun – so a sunhat will really help keep them safe. Please make sure you put their name in their hat so that we can return any that are lost to their rightful owner.

If you wish to send your child into school with sun cream you are welcome to. Please ensure that it has your child's name on it and practise with them at home to apply it independently – adults in school are not able to apply any sun cream directly but they can support by making sure it is all rubbed in and no areas have been missed! (Please note, in our Nursery adults are able to apply sun cream with parents' permission.)

### **Trim Trail and slide**

Please remember that children should not be playing on school equipment (Trim Trail and slide) after school. We cannot guarantee your children's safety if they are unsupervised and I cannot guarantee access to a first aider should there be an accident. Once your children are released to you, their safety is your responsibility. The school will not accept responsibility for any accidents once your children are in your care. Thank you for your support with this important safety matter

### **Parent Open Afternoon – CHANGE OF DATE**

Due to this busy time of year, we have had to change the date of our Parent Open Afternoon to **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 1.45pm**. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. We look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes

Claire Westcott  
(Headteacher)



## TERM DATES

### Term 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**INSET DAYS on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – school closed for staff training**

### Term 1

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**INSET days on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – school closed for staff training.**

***Children back to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September***

### Autumn break

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas break

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January  
***Please note not all INSET days for 2017/2018 have been set***

## Important Dates

- 16.06 Year 1 Assembly to Parents @9am  
19.06 Year 6 Residential all week  
22.06 Parent Coffee Morning @9am  
23.06 Reception Assembly to Parents @9am  
28.06 Reception/KS1 Sports Afternoon @1.30pm  
29.06 KS2 Sports Afternoon @ 1.30pm  
30.06 Year 3 Assembly to Parents @9am  
**04.07 Curriculum Open Afternoon from 1.45pm**  
07.07 Year 2 Assembly to Parents @9am  
10.07 Healthy Living Week  
14.07 Year 4 Assembly to Parents @9am  
18.07 Year 6 Production to whole school and parents with babies/toddlers @9am  
Year 6 Production to Parents @6pm  
20.07 School closed for staff training  
21.07 School closed for staff training  
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04.09 School closed for staff training  
05.09 School closed for staff training  
06.09 Children back to school

## Water Bottles

It is really important that everyone stays hydrated throughout the day, so we encourage parents to send children into school with a named water bottle. They can have access to these in class.

Water fountains are available at play times and lunch times, as well as drinking water given out in the lunch hall.

Please make sure that all water bottles are filled with water only – no fruit squashes please.



## SUMMER SIZZLER

Thank you to those parents who have returned slips to Nicky Packham (PTFA Chair) saying that you are able to help us with the Summer Sizzler on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

We still need more helpers, so please, please do return the slip if you are able to spare a couple of hours to support this important fundraising event.

Without events like this, we would not be able to subsidise school trips to support keeping the costs down.

**Your PTFA needs you!**





## District Sports



This Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 48 KS2 children represented Meridian at a district sports event at Lewes leisure centre. The weather was glorious and the children tried really hard. They took part in a mixture of events such as sprinting, long jump and the tennis ball throw. Meridian came 4<sup>th</sup> overall and we were only one point away from being 3<sup>rd</sup>! We were very proud of the children as they not only gave their all with the sporting activities but they also were excellent representatives of our school. Well done everyone!

## Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss the vital teaching and learning that takes place every day in class and do not fall behind. Our school target is 96% this year but unfortunately we are not on track to achieve this due to some poor attendance by some families. Our current percentage is only 93.8%, which is significantly below the national average. We are currently working the Education Behaviour and Attendance Service to see what additional strategies and support we can put in place to improve our attendance.

### EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

Each week we celebrate the classes with the best attendance and they earn coins for their treasure chest on the class behaviour board and stars on our attendance board

Well done to the following classes who achieved the highest attendance of the week so far this term:

Week 1 – 6B (Dolphin Class) – 100% (amazing!)

**If you would like support with any attendance worries you may have, do make an appointment with either Ms Maslen (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Skipplings (Learning Mentor).**

## 100% Attendance Awards

***Congratulations to these children who had 100% attendance in term 5!***

### **Reception**

Betsie Brennan, Amelia Browne, Remy Chapman, Brooke Clifton-Brown, Maizie Cosstick, Amelia Mackay, Jesse McMahon, Jessica Reed, Aiden Walters, Ernie Williams, Poppy Wooller-Smith, Phoebe Curcio, Emilia Dunn, Emmie Ebeling, Finlay Ford, Hayden Renville, Rafael Santos Oliveira, Fadila Shehu, Shweny Sheth, Poppy Siu, Olivia Edgeler, Gracie Nicholls, Tianne Vollebregt, Leon Williams

### **Year One**

Keira Baker, Sophia Butler, Louise Fenner, Patsie Greenwood, Isabel Harvey-Smith, Amelia Laker-Brown, Jayden Lindo, Isabella Russell, Reuben Tovey, Paije Woodcock, Bethan Cole, Joshua Golds, Poppy Isaac, Stanley Jeffries, Maria-Ann Mullan, Leo Wild.

### **Year Two**

Isaac Arkwell, Joseph Barter, Jessica Bovingdon, Jay Brind, Aaliyah Clifford, Charlie Dutton, Troy Feeney, Crystal Ferreira, Izabella Mackey, Lilly Munro, Dexter Norcott-Jones, Ronnianne Preece, Alix Scott-Rebera, Lily-Mae Sharpe, George Smedley-Thomsett, Olivia Tullett, Oliver Wright, Michael Agunyego, Riley Bishop, Charlie Burns, Alfie Dutton, Gracie Fossey, Emily Jones, Lewis Kwasniewski, Alyssa Marshall, Paige McQuade, Junior Moyo, Riley Packham, Zachary Simpson, Charlie Young, Arjun Bhairi, Emily Counsell, Freddie Ebeling, Olivia Laycock, Abigail Moore, Sidney Newman, Chloe Stone, Evie Williams.

### **Year Three**

Mia Kigera, Victor Lopez, Harvey McMahon, Izaak Shergold, Oliver Tompsett, Charlie Warren, Aiva Wilson, Liliana Bojang-Knapikova, Sophie Davies, Maddie Kick, Orla Melbourne, Alesha Moyo, Evie Prowse, Leo Sommerford, Nikki Toth, Misha Vollebregt, Eva Winton, Hanna Wojteczek

### **Year Four**

Ifeanyi Agunyego, Imogen Arthur, Troye Chapman, Toby File, Alfie Fossey, Rose Frogley, Taiyo Gallimore, Kimberley Godfrey, Yasmine Kigera, Mattia Nielsen-Sechini, Jaydan Orji, Harry Packer, Marissa Palmer, Jorja Pike, Katie Read, Abbie Skinner, Romilly Sprague, Francesca Tibbitts, Isobel Voyce, Ed Williams, Sebastian Wright, Keira Brind, Scarlet Buss, Summer Butler, Kaylan Compton-Horsley, Caitlin Davies, Tiffany Davies, Kamron Edwards, Pheobe Vickery

### **Year Five**

Elisha Arkwell, Laila Bradford-Grant, Lilly-Ella Cummings, Haiden Daily, Isa Fitzhugh, Devon Gibbins, Katie Love, Hamish Mathieson, Jack McMahon, Freya Melbourne, Hayden Raggett, Jack Brennan, Ellie Briggs, Alfie Bunyan, Abigail Counsell, Poppy Pentecost, Elizabeth Pook, Benjamin Preece, Summer Rosthorn, Sefia Salih, Emily Tompsett, Aaron Whitcombe, Heather Wild

### **Year Six**

Elena Basarabeanu, Kelly Brierley, Albie Dailly, Emily Day, Sophia Defalco, Callum Ferreira, Aimee Jacovides, Zack Jeffery, Cameron King, Ben McHenery, Eddie Prowse, Abigail Tullett, Max Whitmore, Tula Cole, Amelia Ellett, Joshua Johnson, Lydia Lavender, Kelly Lay, Scarlett Poulton, Jack Wilson, Sasha Wilson, Evie Burns, Skyla Fitzhugh, Eddie Goldsmith, Danny Hamill, Freddie Shergold, Ruby Tookey





### East Sussex Book Awards

Nine of our Year 5s took a trip to the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill-on-Sea for this year's annual East Sussex Libraries Children's Book Awards ceremony – where 'The Many Worlds of Albie Bright' won the best children's book of the year (a great story and highly recommended!). Children from all over East Sussex attended and our children had a fantastic day, with the opportunity to ask questions of some of the authors and also to buy copies of the winning books and get them signed. Special mention goes to Imogen Jones from 5M who was called on stage to receive a special award from the organisers for a book jacket she designed. Well done Imogen!



### Nursery Sports Fun!

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Nursery children will be having their own sports event, as part of Healthy Living week. This event will take place in the Nursery outdoor area from 11.00 – 11.45. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun! If your child does not normally attend that session, you and your child are welcome to come along from 11.00 – 11.45 to join in. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July children are able to come into school in their own clothes if they bring a donation in to support the **Summer Sizzler**. We need the following year groups to bring in the following items:

- Nursery (we know you don't wear school uniform but we didn't want to miss you out!), Reception and Year One: **Cakes**
- Years 2 and 3: **Packets, bags or tins of sweets**
- Years 4, 5 and 6: **Bottles of drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic!)** for bottle tombola

Thank you for all your support with this!



## **KS1 Sports Afternoon, 1:30pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

## **KS2 Sports Afternoon, 1:30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Dear parents and carers,

On the above dates Meridian School will be running the annual sports afternoon. Children will compete over a range of events on a rotation. After the rotation there will be sprint events for each year group.

The children will be split into teams and given a country name. The teams will be mixed between boys and girls and year groups. We decided against coloured t-shirts again this year, so normal school PE kit is all that is required. It will be a long afternoon in the sun so please make sure your child has sunscreen and a sun hat. Parents and carers are reminded that it is not appropriate to feed children sweets during school time, however fruit snacks are welcomed. There will be a water station to ensure children are hydrated.

It is intended that this is a fun afternoon of excitement and encouragement. Please feel free to follow your child and please be aware of other events running. I do hope that you can join us and support the children's efforts. See you on the day!

Kind regards,

Personal health and development team

